

Risk Assessment

Practical approaches to COVID-19 Risk Assessments

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<p>Identify the hazard</p>	<p>The hazard is a COVID-19 infection. This is a biological hazard.</p> <p>Some of the ways in which this hazard can be introduced into the workplace are through direct contact with an infected person, or through contact with a contaminated surface.</p>
<p>Identify who can be harmed</p>	<p>The hazard can be introduced into the workplace through direct contact with an infected person, or through contact with a contaminated surface.</p> <p>Individuals who are most at risk of being harmed are those who are in close contact with infected individuals, or who are in contact with contaminated surfaces.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>



<p>Decide the level of risk (with control measures)</p>	<p>To assess the level of risk, consider the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature of the activity and the number of people involved. The location of the activity and the ventilation of the space. The duration of the activity and the frequency of contact between people. The health status of the people involved. The effectiveness of the control measures in place. <p>Assess the risk of COVID-19 transmission based on the above factors.</p>
<p>Review existing measures that may need to be strengthened</p>	<p>Consider the following measures that may need to be strengthened:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing measures. Hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene measures. Use of face masks. Regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces. Use of UV-C light for disinfection. Use of air filtration systems.
<p>Keep your workforce and people informed</p>	<p>Make sure that your workforce and people are informed about the risk of COVID-19.</p> <p>Keep people informed about the risk of COVID-19 through various communication channels. For example, use posters, handouts, and social media to provide information about the risk and the measures that can be taken to reduce the risk.</p>
<p>Stay up to date with guidance</p>	<p>Guidance on risk management for COVID-19 is constantly changing. Stay up to date with the latest guidance from the relevant authorities.</p> <p>Make sure that you are aware of the latest guidance on COVID-19 risk management. This includes staying up to date with the latest guidance from the relevant authorities, such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).</p>
<p>Keep a record</p>	<p>Keep a record of the risk assessment and the measures that are taken to manage the risk. This record should include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date and time of the assessment. The name of the person who conducted the assessment. The results of the assessment. The measures that are taken to manage the risk. The date and time of the next assessment.

